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### Holcomb extends stay-at-home order until April 21

The stay-at-home order originally extended to April 7. That date will be pushed back to April 21.

### Wabash County under a code yellow travel advisory

The lowest level of local travel advisory, code yellow means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas, according to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

### Attention, churches

If you are planning to hold virtual Good Friday and Easter services, please contact us by email at [ahughes@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:ahughes@wabashplaindealer.com) to submit your listing.

### Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

■ BMV: Closed until at least April 21. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

■ Community Foundation of Wabash County:

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## 2 more positive Wabash County COVID-19 cases reported; total now 5

A total of 173 Hoosiers have died to date

By ROB BURGESS  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Tuesday morning, Keith Walters, Wabash County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency director, announced two additional positive COVID-19 cases, bringing the local total of positive cases to five.

"We currently have no deaths reported," stated Walters, in a statement to the Plain Dealer.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) confirmed these figures a short time later.

On Monday morning, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) also reported two additional positive cases of COVID-19 in Wabash County after the first was reported Friday, March 27.

According to the data provided by the ISDH, there had been 52 total tests in Wabash County as of Monday. That number went up to 57 by

Tuesday.

"(There) will be no further details on patients or positive COVID-19 cases due to privacy concerns," stated Walters.

In a televised press conference Monday, Dr. Kristina Box, Indiana state health commissioner, stated in response to a Plain Dealer question that the ISDH assigns the positivity and death to the county of residence.

Box said as far as testing, she couldn't speak to whether the new recent positive tests were analyzed at a local lab or national one, but that it would make a difference

in terms of how much time passed between testing and results.

"We are seeing anywhere from a five to 10 or 12 day lag time with LabCorp and Quest (Diagnostics) because they are send-outs and they are working and doing testing for the entire nation, versus the turnaround with (Eli)

Lilly, ISDH, IU Health, here locally, and that is about 24 hours," she said.

The ISDH announced Tuesday morning that 568 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 5,507 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

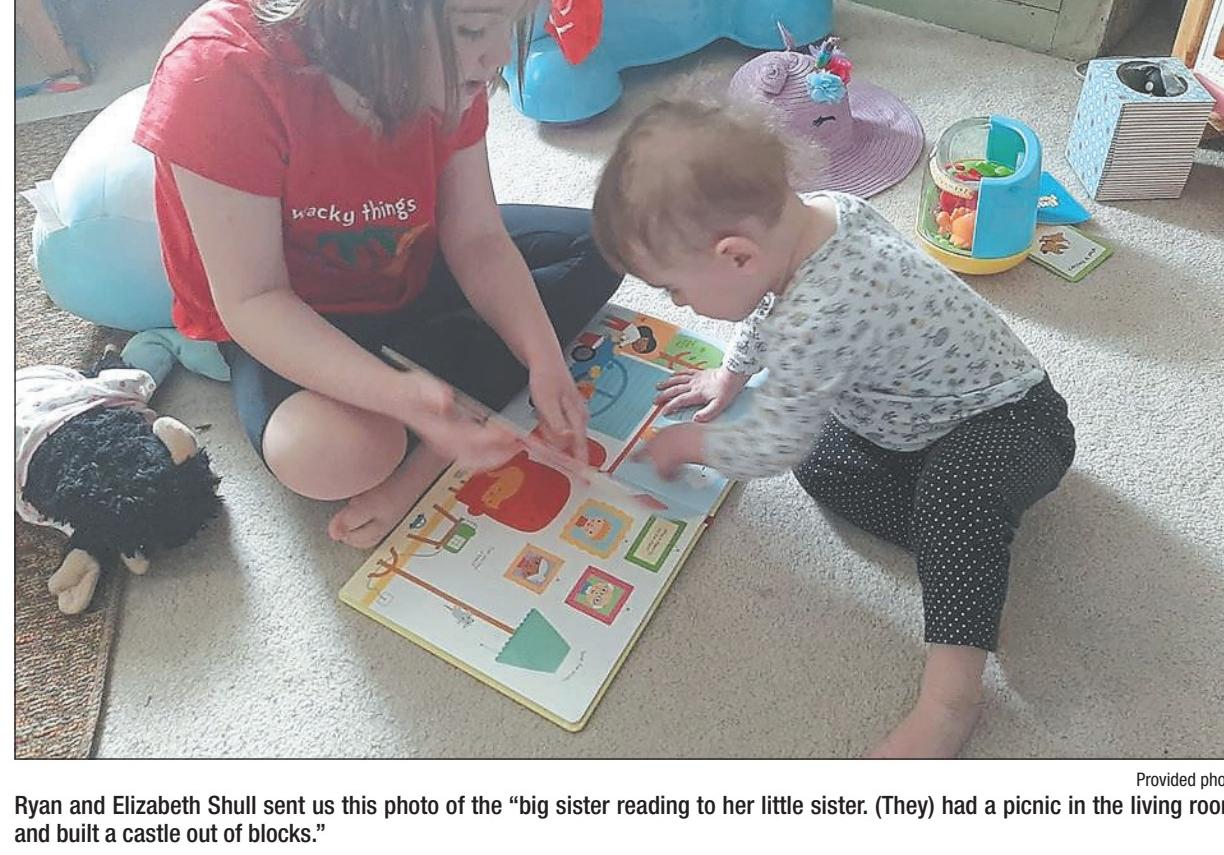
A total of 173 Hoosiers have died to date. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 28,764 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 26,192 on Monday.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 193.

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## MAKING THE MOST OF TIME AT HOME



Provided photo

Ryan and Elizabeth Shull sent us this photo of the "big sister reading to her little brother. (They) had a picnic in the living room and built a castle out of blocks."

## Second Harvest plans tailgate food distribution

Event planned 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursday at Wabash County Council on Aging

### STAFF REPORT

On Monday, Second Harvest Food Bank announced several regularly scheduled and extra tailgate food distribution events, according to Tracy Dishman, marketing director.

Among those events was one which is set to last from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Wabash County Council on Aging, 239 Bond St.

Other such area events planned for this week include:

■ 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the Ball State University Football Stadium Parking Lot in Muncie.

No IDs or proof of ad-

dress are required. Distribution is while supplies last.

"We are requesting that people and families only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone," stated Dishman. "If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts."

For more information, visit [www.CureHunger.org](http://www.CureHunger.org).

The first would be \$600 additional in weekly benefits to those who receive regular benefits. These will be sent electronically like the rest of the payments. This will be effective as of March 29 and payable for any week of unemployment through July 31. All benefits will be paid retroactively to March 29.

The second creates

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## Probationary Indiana State Police trooper issued patrol car

Dakota Anderson will now patrol Cass, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Tipton and Wabash counties

### STAFF REPORT

Probationary Indiana State Police (ISP) Trooper Dakota Anderson was issued his patrol car, according to Sgt. Tony Slocum, public information officer for the Peru District.

Anderson will patrol primarily in Miami County.

Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Tri-Central High School in Tipton County.

He and his wife currently reside in Howard County.

with veteran officers.

He will now be on solo

patrol in the Indiana State

Police Peru District which

covers Cass, Fulton, How-

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pleted approximately three

months of field training



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for the Peru District.

## Third ISP employee tests positive for COVID-19

The employee has been self-quarantined since last week

### STAFF REPORT

A civilian employee of the Indiana State Police (ISP) has been diagnosed with the department's third confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus, according to a press release.

The employee, who is as-

signed to a field installation

in the southern half of the

state and has been self-quar-

antined since the middle of

last week, received notifi-

cation of the positive test

Sunday.

ISP officials have been making notifications with additional co-workers and taking appropriate disinfecting measures in the affected work area.

"The ISP is working closely with the Indiana State Department of Health and is continuing to monitor the situation and is also following accepted virus mitigation practices for the health and safety of its employees, their families and the greater community," stated the re-

lease.

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/coronavirus/>.

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# Acting navy secretary resigns amid uproar over firing of ship captain

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
and ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly resigned Tuesday, bringing to a climax an extraordinary drama that he advanced by delivering a profanity-laced upbraiding of the officer he fired as captain of the coronavirus-stricken USS Theodore Roosevelt.

In announcing the resignation, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Modly quit on his own accord, "putting the Navy and the sailors above self," so the Navy and the Roosevelt can move forward. The Roosevelt is sidelined in port at Guam as members of the crew are tested for the coronavirus and moved ashore.

"His care for the sailors was genuine," Esper said.

Esper said he briefed President Donald Trump on his conversation with Modly, and with the president's approval he is appointing James McPherson as acting Navy secretary. McPherson, a Navy veteran, is currently serving as undersecretary of the Army. He was confirmed in that position by the Senate last month.

Esper called McPherson a "smart, capable and professional leader who will restore

confidence and stability in the Navy during these challenging times."

Esper said he also met with Navy leaders and emphasized three priorities, including putting the health, safety and welfare of the Roosevelt crew first, and working to get the ship back out to sea as soon as safely possible.

Modly had created a combustible controversy by firing the Roosevelt's skipper, Capt. Brett E. Crozier, last week, saying Crozier had shown "extremely poor judgment" in widely distributing by email a letter calling for urgent help with the COVID-19 outbreak aboard his ship.

Modly then flew to the ship, at port in Guam, and delivered a speech to the crew Sunday in which he lambasted Crozier, saying he was either "too naive or too stupid" to be in charge of an aircraft carrier.

According to a senior defense official, Esper spoke to Modly Monday evening, directing him to apologize for his remarks about Crozier and setting a phone meeting for Tuesday morning. The official said Esper did not request or demand Modly's resignation, but instead discussed the situation and the way forward. The officials spoke on the condition of

anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Modly came to his own conclusion and offered his resignation. Modly's options were few. Officials said it would have been difficult for him to rebuild his relationship with sailors in the fleet, and equally hard to restore his reputation among senior military leaders and retired naval officers who believed his sharp remarks on the Roosevelt crossed a line.

By the time Modly issued his public apology Monday night, the calls among Democrats in Congress for his resignation were mounting. On Tuesday morning, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Modly must go.

"Sadly, Acting Secretary Modly's actions and words demonstrate his failure to prioritize the force protection of our troops," Pelosi, D-Calif., said in a written statement. "He showed a serious lack of the sound judgment and strong leadership needed during this time. Acting Secretary Modly must be removed from his position or resign."

Sen. Jack Reed, the top Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Modly had fired Crozier against the advice of Navy military leaders.

# NTSB: School district shares blame for crash that killed 3

ROCHESTER (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday that a northern Indiana school district is partially to blame for a 2018 crash that killed three siblings crossing a rural highway to reach their stopped school bus.

The wreck was caused by a pickup truck driver's failure to stop for the school bus, despite the vehicle's activated and clearly visible warning lights and stop arm, and a road warning sign for the upcoming school bus stop, the NTSB said in part of its final report into the Oct. 30, 2018, crash near Rochester.

However, contributing to the cause of the crash was the Tippecanoe Valley School Corp.'s inadequate safety assessment of school bus routes, resulting in a prevalence of bus stops that required students to cross high-speed roadways, the NTSB said.

The agency also found

there was no clear policy established by the district for school bus drivers to follow

in determining when it was safe to signal students to cross a roadway.

The crash killed 6-year-old twin brothers Xzavier and Mason Ingle, and their 9-year-old sister, Alivia Stahl. A fourth child, 11-year-old Maverik Lowe, suffered critical injuries.

The pickup's driver, Alyssa Shepherd of Rochester, was convicted in October of reckless homicide, criminal recklessness and passing a school bus, causing injury. She was sentenced to four years in prison, though she is appealing her convictions.

Authorities have said the students were waiting for the bus on the opposite side of the road. After being signaled by the driver to cross, the four students entered the roadway and were struck by Shepherd's truck.

At the time of her arrest, Shepherd, 25, told authorities she didn't realize that she was approaching a stopped school bus, despite the activated stop arm and flashing lights. Court documents show Shepherd

told police she saw the lights but didn't recognize the vehicle as a school bus until the children were right in front of her.

"When our school-aged children walk out the door to meet the school bus in the morning, parents have the right to know that everything possible is being done for their safety," NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said. "This crash tells us that we can and should do more."

The school corporation issued a statement saying it has implemented a transportation safety review committee" that meets regularly.

As a result of its investigation, the NTSB has issued safety recommendations to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Tippecanoe Valley School Corp., the Indiana Department of Education and other entities.

The partial report is available at online. The full final report is expected to be published online in the coming weeks.

# Longtime former Purdue President Steven Beering dies at 87

WEST LAFAYETTE (AP) — Former Purdue University President Dr. Steven C. Beering, who expanded and diversified the West Lafayette campus during his 18-year tenure, had died, the university announced. He was 87.

Purdue did not disclose the circumstances of Beering's death, but current President Mitch Daniels confirmed to WLFI-TV that it was not from COVID-19.

Beering went to Purdue in 1983 after serving as dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine and director of the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Before that, he served 12 years in the Air Force, during

which time he became an adviser to the U.S. surgeon general in internal medicine and a medical consultant to NASA, where he was a physician to the nation's first astronauts and to President Dwight Eisenhower, Purdue said.

"His 18-year leadership of our institution was but one chapter in an epic life of serial achievement," Daniels said.

Under Beering, Purdue expanded its international efforts, grew its liberal arts programs, promoted diversity and added 20 major buildings. Enrollment of international students grew threefold to become the larg-

est at any public university. Beering was born Aug. 20, 1932, in Berlin and spent most of his early years in Hamburg, where his father managed two retail furniture stores before World War II. After the war, the family moved to London and then to the U.S. in 1948, settling near Pittsburgh.

Jane Beering, his wife of 58 years, died March 9, 2015. Beering is survived by his sons Peter, David, and John and five grandchildren.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there will not be immediate services. A celebration of life is planned for the future when conditions allow.

# Northwest Indiana man dies in RV fire while in self-isolation

MERRILLVILLE (AP) — A northwestern Indiana man who died when a fire gutted a recreational vehicle was self-isolating inside the vehicle after recently traveling during the COVID-19 pandemic, officials said.

Jason Morris' body was found inside the RV parked in his Merrillville home's driveway after firefighters doused the fire, which gutted the vehicle Saturday night and also damaged his home

when it spread to its eaves, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

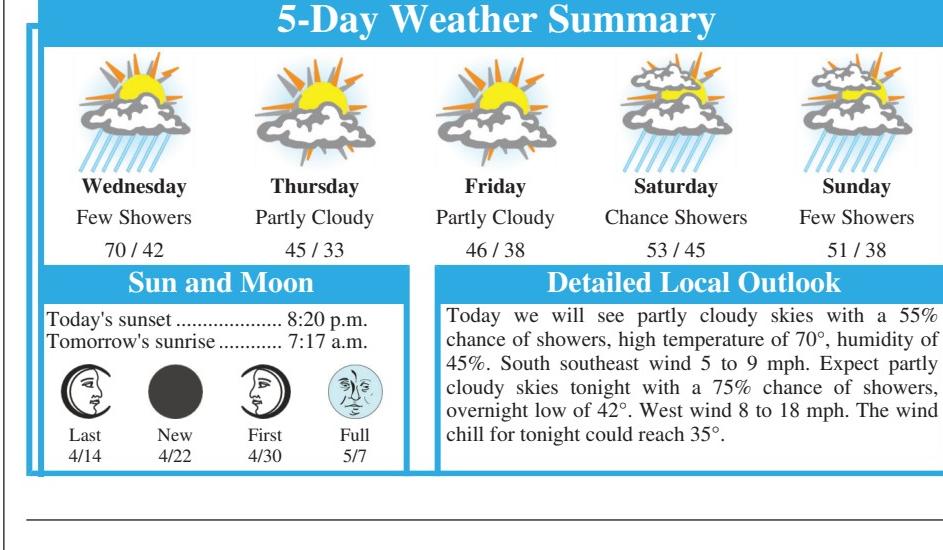
Morris, 37, was self-quarantine in the RV after he had recently traveled, said Merrillville police Cmdr. Jeff Rice. He said it's unknown if Morris was exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 or if he was self-quarantine in the RV out of an abundance of caution.

"What was reported to us is that he was keeping himself

separate from family members because of recent travel," Rice said Monday.

Merrillville Fire Chief Ed Yerga said no foul play is suspected in the fire. The blaze remains under investigation, but he said the preliminary cause appears to be a "failure of equipment."

Morris' cause and manner of death were pending further investigation, the Lake County coroner's office said.

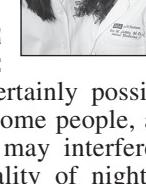


## Occasional naps linked to decreased heart disease and stroke

**DEAR DOCTOR:** I take a short nap at my desk a couple of times a week (I use earplugs and a mask), which my podmates love to tease me about. I just read that napping

is good for your heart,

& Eve Glazier Ask the Doctors



but they say if you take a nap during the day, you won't sleep as well at night. Who's right?

**DEAR READER:**

While it's certainly possible that for some people, a midday nap may interfere with the quality of nighttime sleep, it's not a given. In fact, a robust body of research has found numerous benefits of napping, both to physical and mental health. Napping has been shown to improve mood, increase alertness, improve performance and stave off late-afternoon fatigue.

In many cultures, such as with the Spanish "siesta," the Italian "riposo" and the Japanese "inemuri," it's an integral part of daily life. Here in the United States, the benefits of napping have led a growing number of employers to encourage their workers to take advantage of a lunchtime recharge. Some of the larger tech companies have even installed specially designed recliners, called nap pods, which weave the idea of napping into their corporate culture.

Most recently, a study published in the journal Heart has linked the practice of occasional napping to a decreased risk of heart disease and stroke. Researchers in Switzerland analyzed the nighttime sleep, daytime napping and general lifestyle habits of 3,462 adults between the ages of 35 and 75. About 20 percent of the study participants reported napping once or twice a week. At the end of eight years, the data suggested that those individuals had a lower risk of heart problems than the non-nappers. Interestingly, the same health benefits didn't extend to the most frequent nappers in the study, who researchers said tended to be older men who smoked and were overweight.

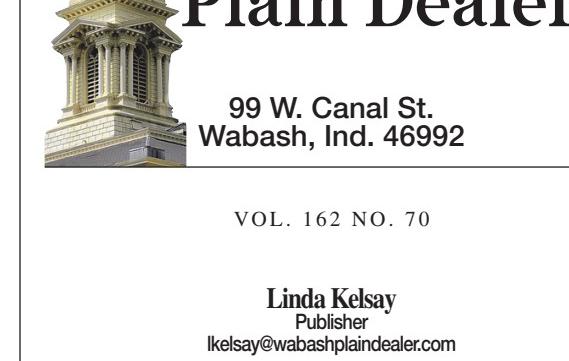
The exact reason for the better health outcomes of the occasional nappers aren't known. But inadequate

sleep has been linked to a number of health problems, including high blood pressure, depression and heart disease, and the researchers suggested it's possible that occasional napping helps to make up for sleep deficit.

That said, there's an important distinction between a 10-to-20-minute nap in the middle of the day and dropping into deeper sleep for an hour or longer, particularly in the later afternoon. In those cases, not only do you run the risk of waking up thickheaded and groggy, which can take hours to shake off, it's possible for a late-day dive into sleep to interfere with nighttime sleep. The goal of a nap is to wake up feeling refreshed. To achieve that, you want to limit your

naps to less than 20 minutes. That lets you get the rejuvenating benefits of the early stages of non-REM sleep. If you stay asleep much longer, you run the risk of diving into the deeper stages of the 90-minute sleep cycle. Waking up from deeper sleep often leaves you feeling dazed and disoriented, and it can take hours to fully recover.

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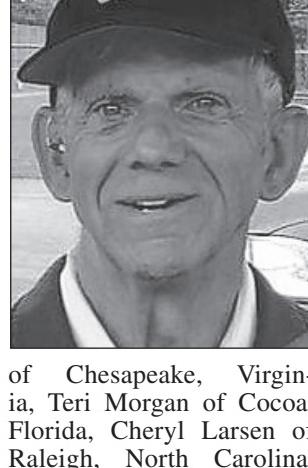
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## Steven L. Cullers

Oct. 15, 1941 - April 5, 2020



Steven Lane Cullers, 78, of Plymouth, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, Indiana died at 6:09 p.m., Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth. He was born Oct. 15, 1941 in Wabash, to Floyd Cullers and Marion (Moore) Smith.

Steve was a 1959 Wabash High School graduate and a US Army veteran. He first married Karen Fewell in McGrawsville, Indiana on May 15, 1965; she died April 28, 1994. He then married Wilma Lee (Dyer) Smith in Wabash on Nov. 16, 1996; she died Sept. 18, 2002. He worked in the Service Department of Denney Motor Sales for 14 years, at Dorais Chevrolet, and also as a janitor at Metropolitan School District of Wabash County. Steve was a member of the Richvalley Lions Club and was an avid car enthusiast.

He is survived by his son, Phillip J. Cullers of Plymouth, four grandchildren, Addison Cullers and Brooklynn Cullers, both of Logansport, Indiana, Chloe Houghton and Cadance Houghton, both of Plymouth, and eight sisters, Sheila Ray of Jacksonville, Florida, Lynn Long of Lake City, Florida, Kathy Kato

of Chesapeake, Virginia, Teri Morgan of Cocoa, Florida, Cheryl Larsen of Raleigh, North Carolina, Cindy Johnson of Lakeland, Florida, Michelle Wagle of Winter Haven, Florida, and Rebecca Cullers of LaFontaine, Indiana. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, IN 46992.

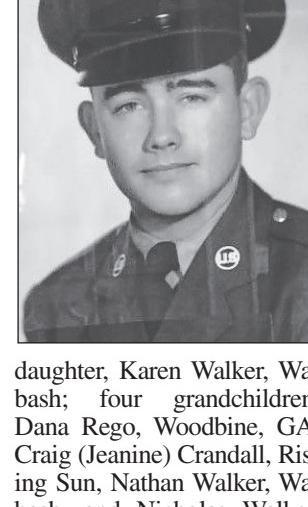
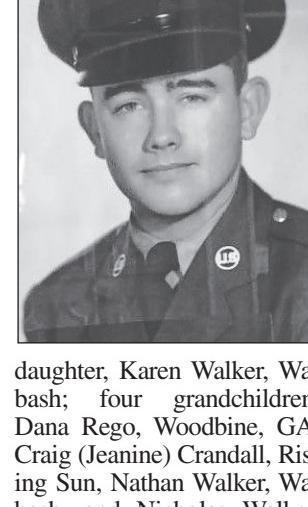
Preferred memorial is Alzheimer's Association.

The memorial guest book for Steve may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Bobby J. Tolbert, 88, passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2020, at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis. Bobby was born on Jan. 28, 1932, to the late Gwin and Mary Tolbert. He graduated from Fairmount High School, class of 1950. He entered the Air Force in November 1951 and served in the Korean War, becoming Airman First Class. He then married Dorothy Smith on Nov. 27, 1958. Bobby was a member of Liberty Friends Church, the American Legion, and a life member of Disabled Veterans. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and he loved to mow. He mowed the church lawn as long as he was able.

Bobby is survived by his

daughter, Karen Walker, Wabash; four grandchildren, Dana Rego, Woodbine, GA, Craig (Jeanine) Crandall, Rising Sun, Nathan Walker, Wabash, and Nicholas Walker, Jonesboro; five great-grandchildren, Brittany (Juan) Ibarra, TX, Haley and Isabella Walker, and Clinton and Carter Crandall, all of IN; two great-great-grandchildren, Diego and Lylianna Ibarra, both of TX; sister, Alberta Wiggin, MS; and sister-in-law, Diane Tolbert, Marion.



## Bobby J. Tolbert

Jan. 28, 1932 - April 4, 2020

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gwin and Mary; wife, Dorothy; son-in-law, Dennis Walker; two sisters, Mary Lou Tolbert and Betty King; and two brothers, Paul (Patty) Tolbert and John Tolbert.

Arrangements for Bobby have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Arms-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Private services will be held with burial at Park Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held at a later date.

Contributions made in memory of Bobby may be made to Liberty Friends Church in care of the funeral home. Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com).

## Myrl E. Frantz

Feb. 28, 1934 - April 7, 2020

Myrl Edwin Frantz, 86, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away at 5:16 a.m. on April 7, 2020. He was born Feb. 28, 1934.

Myrl is survived by his wife, Joyce Frantz; son, Wade Allen (Stephanie) Frantz; daughter, Wanda Allen (Thomas) Yankey;

1000 North, Servia, Indiana. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

and one great-grandchild. Myrl was preceded in death by his parents and one great-grandchild, Colbee Frantz.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley St., North Manchester, Indiana. Pastor Flora; four grandchildren; Kurt Stout will officiate.

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■ Division of Family Resources:

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■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended through at least Saturday, April 11.

■ Living Well in Wabash County:

The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ Manchester Community Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ Manchester University:

Remote teaching for students will last through the end of the semester. Residence halls will close for the remainder of the semester. All campus activities for the remainder of the semester have been canceled or postponed. Spring Commencement ceremonies are canceled.

■ MSD: Closed through the rest of the school year. Spring Break is scheduled through April 10.

■ The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory).

■ North Manchester Public Library: Closed until further notice.

Except for hotspots, no materials will be due during the closure.

All online events will stream on the NMPL Facebook at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterPublicLibrary) and will then be archived on the Online Programming Archive.

For more information, email [nmpl@nman.lib.in.us](mailto:nmpl@nman.lib.in.us), call 260-982-4773 or visit [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us).

■ St. Bernard School: Closed through the rest of the school year.

■ Wabash Carnegie Public Library: Closed through at least April 13. Overdue fines for all times except Wi-Fi hotspots waived until further notice. For more information, email [warew@wabash.lib.in.us](mailto:warew@wabash.lib.in.us) or visit [www.wabash.lib.in.us](http://www.wabash.lib.in.us) or [www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/WabashCarnegieLibrary).

■ Wabash City Hall: All public meetings postponed. Citizens should visit [www.cityofwabash.com](http://www.cityofwabash.com) to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court officers pay by phone services. Phone calls to the main Wabash City Hall number at 260-563-4171 will be answered by voicemail. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at [covid19info@cityofwabash.com](mailto:covid19info@cityofwabash.com).

Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email [mayor@cityofwabash.com](mailto:mayor@cityofwabash.com).

■ Wabash City Schools: Closed through the rest of the school year.

Current e-learning days include

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except for the week of April 6, which is spring break.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays through April 30.

■ Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Closed to the public except by appointment. Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty.in.gov](http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov) or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.

■ Wabash County Judicial Center: Closed to the public through April 30. A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security at 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wa-

bash County Clerk of the Courts: 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appelators, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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## Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk's Parking Lot.

The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org).

The complete list of counties with cases is included in the ISDH COVID-19 dashboard at [coronavirus.in.gov](http://coronavirus.in.gov), which will be updated daily at 10 a.m.

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## CASES

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Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (12), Clark (11), Floyd (16), Hamilton (22), Hancock (14), Harrison (11), Hendricks (27), Johnson (19), Lake (52), Madison (34) and St. Joseph (17). The Lake County totals include results from East Chicago and Gary, which have their own health departments.

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temporary unemployment insurance for those who normally do not qualify. These include those who are self-employed and gig economy workers. They will also be eligible for a \$600 weekly benefit.

However, Payne said, these benefits will take a bit longer.

Payne also said the website and call center experienced a slowdown due to the volume of applications and calls over the weekend. He said this prevented some from logging on or completing calls.

Payne said they were increasing bandwidth and had hired an additional 77 people who started Monday, in addition to contracting with a third-party provider starting Tuesday. He said this would add 100 people supporting on a contract basis.

For more information, visit <https://www.growwabashcounty.com/contact-us/covid-19-resources/>.

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"Individuals who are interested in a rewarding career as an Indiana State Trooper should go online at <http://www.in.gov/isp/careers>. This website will provide a detailed synopsis of the application process as well as career information about the ISP," stated Slocum.

## New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events

Culvert replacements are sched-

uled for Indiana 114 from County 1200 North to Indiana 15 in Wa-

bash County. The road closure is

scheduled to begin in mid-April but

may begin at the end of April due

to weather. The five-day closure

will allow maintenance crews to

complete the replacement of multi-

ple culvert pipes. Access to homes

and businesses will be maintained

through the work. The official state

detour for the closure will be In-

diana 14 to Indiana 15. The work is

scheduled to be complete by April 17, weather permitting.

■ Honeywell Center: Hairball

# Opinion

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## LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



## DAILY SCRIPTURE

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

— Matthew 6:34

## A Navy captain tries to save his sailors, and gets fired in the process

The United States uses warships like the USS Theodore Roosevelt, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, to project power across the globe. And it was on such a mission when it left San Diego on Jan. 17 for the western Pacific.

The Navy had planned for months that the carrier make an historic stopover in Vietnam, marking 25 years of diplomacy. During five days there in early March, sailors went ashore. After returning to sea, a few of the ship's sailors tested positive for the novel coronavirus and infections began spreading. The carrier was diverted to Guam where the captain, Brett Crozier, grew increasingly frustrated with a slow emergency response.

Most of his crew remained aboard in tight quarters, and those evacuated were being housed in gymnasiums where COVID-19 cases were already surfacing. Crozier pored through an epidemiological study of how the virus spread through the Diamond Princess cruise ship while docked in Japan with passengers aboard. Like a cruise ship, an aircraft carrier is a floating petri dish for disease.

The captain became convinced that nearly all of his 5,000-member crew should disembark and be quarantined in separate rooms while the ship was thoroughly disinfected. Such steps would comply with new coronavirus guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Navy and Marine Corps health agencies.

According to media reports, the captain implored superiors to speed things up, but it wasn't happening. So Crozier — who, as it would later turn out, was himself falling ill — drafted a March 30 letter to a wide group of Navy leaders, sending up a flare about his ship's predicament.

"Decisive action is required," he wrote. "We are not at war. Sailors do not need to die. If we do not act now, we are failing to properly take care of our most trusted asset — our sailors."

The Navy did act swiftly after that. Crozier was abruptly relieved of his command.

The emailed letter had been leaked within hours to the San Francisco Chronicle, which published a story March 31. By Wednesday, the Washington Post reported, acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly was telling people that President Donald Trump wanted Crozier fired. (Trump acknowledged as much on Saturday, saying of Crozier: "He shouldn't have been talking that way in a letter. I thought it was terrible what he did.")

Modly went before cameras Thursday to do just that, evidently ignoring advice that he wait at least until an investigation of Crozier's actions was completed.

In 2017, it took the Navy 24 days to fire the captain of a destroyer, the USS Fitzgerald, after a ship collision killed seven sailors, and it took 41 days to dismiss the commander of the USS John McCain, involved in another accident that killed 10. Crozier was out in 72 hours for

trying to save his sailors.

So what exactly did Crozier do wrong?

Apparently he CC'd too many people with his letter. "That demonstrated extremely poor judgment in the middle of a crisis," the acting Navy secretary said.

And then Modly demonstrated his own brand of leadership with piped-in remarks for the crew of Theodore Roosevelt on Monday where he disparaged the highly regarded Crozier as "too naive or too stupid" to be in command and guilty of "betrayal" — whatever that means.

Modly addressed sailors who, by the hundreds last week, spontaneously cheered their captain as he disembarked after being relieved of command.

The sailors recognized the hero of this story, and it isn't Modly. The acting Navy secretary, who saw his predecessor lose his job after objecting to Trump's interference in the military justice system on behalf of service members accused of war crimes, acted precipitously.

Any decision about Crozier should have at least awaited a thorough investigation. As it is, Modly's move to punish the messenger will have a chilling effect on other Navy commanders who might have legitimate concerns for their sailors during this pandemic.

Crozier's only betrayal was of the temptation not to rock the boat.

This editorial was first published in USA Today.



## One word that explains Trump's unfitness

**“W**hat do I know? I'm not a doctor."

It's rare that President Trump speaks with even that level of clarity. Unfortunately, this observation came Sunday amid an avalanche of nonsense about the anti-malaria drug that he believes to be a magic bullet against COVID-19. It is remarkable how a tongue-twisting word few of us were familiar with a month ago — hydroxychloroquine — has suddenly come to represent so many of the reasons Trump should not be president, especially during a time of crisis.

That one word illustrates Trump's arbitrary, anecdote-based method of making decisions; his reliance on cronies who have no relevant expertise; his rejection of science, or perhaps his failure to understand how science even works; his defiant stubbornness in clinging to what he "knows," even when he doesn't actually know it; his obsessiveness even in the face of contrary evidence; and his imperviousness to fact-based arguments he does not want to hear.

Not for the first time, and probably not for the last, Trump spent a good part of Sunday's COVID-19 briefing touting the use of hydroxychloroquine as a treatment for COVID-19. Why is he so convinced? Because "they say" it works.

Who are "they" who make such a claim? Certainly not the expert scientists who are supposed to be leading the nation's response to the coronavirus pandemic. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases,

has said repeatedly that evidence of hydroxychloroquine's effectiveness is at best anecdotal.

Instead of heeding Fauci's caution, Trump has reportedly been listening to his personal lawyer, former New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who told The Washington Post in an interview that he has advocated the use of the drug "three or four times" in phone calls with the president. "I discussed it with the president after he talked about it," Giuliani said. "I told him what I had on the drugs."

Another advocate for hydroxychloroquine is Peter Navarro, Trump's friend and economic adviser, who reportedly got into a shouting match with Fauci about the drug at a White House meeting on Saturday. Navarro — an economist, not a medical doctor — told CNN he was qualified to assess the drug's effectiveness because "I'm a social scientist. ... I have a PhD. And I understand how to read statistical studies, whether it's in medicine, the law, economics or whatever."

There are, indeed, small preliminary studies conducted in China and France showing, according to their authors, that hydroxychloroquine is of some benefit to patients suffering from COVID-19. I am no more qualified than Navarro or Giuliani to evaluate those studies. But Fauci has pointed out that the study in France involved just 20 patients with no control group, and that six other patients who were originally part of the study cohort were dropped and excluded from the results, including three who had to be put in intensive care and one who died.

If I had a loved one who was hospitalized and desperately ill with COVID-19, I would want doctors to try everything, including hydroxychloroquine,

that might conceivably help. But Trump has dangerously suggested that the drug be taken prophylactically by healthy people to guard against the disease. Hydroxychloroquine is used to treat some autoimmune conditions, and Trump has cited anecdotal reports from a handful of doctors that their patients who suffer from lupus seem to have some resistance to COVID-19.

"I may take it," Trump said Saturday.

Last month, an Arizona man died after ingesting a non-pharmaceutical form of a related drug — chloroquine phosphate — used to clean aquarium tanks. No, Trump never told anyone to swallow aquarium cleaner. But the man's wife, who also took the substance but survived, told NBC News that she heard about hydroxychloroquine from Trump's briefings and "I saw it sitting on the back shelf and thought, 'Hey, isn't that the stuff they're talking about on TV?'"

The upshot is that the federal government, spurred by Trump's obsession, has spent time and money amassing a massive stockpile of a drug that may or may not be of value against COVID-19, though it definitely helps patients with a range of other conditions who now are having trouble obtaining it.

I hope it turns out that hydroxychloroquine actually works. I hope Trump's instinct about this drug is better than his original instinct that COVID-19 was no worse than the seasonal flu. Hope, however, is not part of the scientific method.

Reporters tried to ask Fauci again about hydroxychloroquine Sunday, but Trump would not let him answer. We have a president, unfortunately, who is often wrong — but never in doubt.

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## Thoreau quarantined

Finally, I understand why Thoreau was such a contented man in his little cabin at Walden Pond. He had made himself safe from the deadly scourge of a virus attack.

I do wonder how Henry David would handle COVID-19 and the resulting social distancing and near-mandatory self-quarantining.

Would he still be delighted in the hypnotic tap-

dancing of a rainstorm, the skittering of woodland creatures in the night, the soft moan of wind in the trees?

Or would he be binge-watching cable news when he wasn't reading old emails, trading insults on Twitter, Skype-chatting with Aunt Edna in Cincinnati, desperately scouring his Facebook feed for the latest celebrity gossip and ordering delivery pizza just to have someone to say, "Hi, how's it going?"

I ask because there is a difference, I think, between isolation as a voluntary experiment and isolation as an official edict, seclusion that is chosen and seclusion that is imposed. It is the difference between being Superman in the Fortress of Solitude and Sir Walter Raleigh in the Tower of London.

A couple of experts will back me up.

One is my sister, who had looked forward to revelling in slothful retirement, sleeping in and never again having to make a list of work-related chores. Now, she feels trapped and confined because she can't go out to lunch with her girlfriends, a principal diversion for her.

"I never did get used to going to the popular spots like downtown," she told me on the phone, from a safe distance in another city. "There was never any place to park."

"Bet there would be now, though," I told her.

"Sure, but there's nothing to do there now."

"Boy, there's just no pleasing you."

The other expert is me. I have lived alone since my divorce and haven't really minded because, frankly, I'm pretty good company. I don't get mad if I never pick up after myself, and I don't nag me about getting a haircut, leaving the toilet seat up or drinking straight out of the milk carton.

But lately, I'm getting just a little tired of myself. My taste in music could stand improving. I never tell any new jokes and, no matter how hard I squint into the mirror, I don't get any better looking. I'd give myself a good talking to, but I know I wouldn't listen.

I need my office spouse back, the one human connection I most regret losing when I retired. (I used to say "office wife," but that was before inclusiveness and sensitivity swept through the workplace. For all I know, the correct term these days is office significant other or office life companion.)

The office spouse, for those not familiar with the corporate environment, is the one person at work you can always be yourself with and not fear reprisal or rejection. You can say anything, no matter how politically incorrect, blasphemous or just plain stupid, and not be judged for it, and that person knows she has the same freedom with you.

It makes the most hostile work environment a little more tolerable. And, because the whining and griping tend to cover a range of non-office topics, the sense of well-being created by the exchanges carries over far beyond the 40-hour work week.

So, it would be lovely if my former office spouse would stop by for a few minutes, staying well back from the front door of course, just long enough to listen to me rant and rave a little. I wouldn't even mind if she felt like nagging me a bit.

Thoreau needed an office spouse. (He was a writer, correct? So, the Walden Pond cabin was his office.) It might have made him a little more tolerant of the limitations of social intercourse and the communication shortcomings of his fellow human beings.

Contrary to popular belief, Thoreau was not trying to escape all human contact, merely those encounters he deemed too superficial to be enriching.

He complained that society is "commonly too cheap" and lamented that people "meet at very short intervals, not having had time to acquire any new value for each other. We meet at meals three times a day, and give each other a new taste of that musty old cheese that we are . . . We meet at the post office, and at the sociable, and about the fireside every night; we live thick and are in each other's way, and stumble over one another, and I think that we thus lose some respect for one another. Certainly less frequency would suffice for all important and hearty communications."

Take that, you thick, musty louts who thought it might be the civilized thing to do to say a few polite words to a friendly fellow.

Thoreau did enjoy companionship with visitors to Walden Pond, two in particular, with whom he spent long winter evenings "when the snow falls fast and the winds howl in the woods."

One was an old settler, "a most wise and humorous friend" who told him "stories of old time and new eternity; and between us we manage to pass a cheerful evening and pleasant view of things." The other was an "elderly dame" whose memory "runs back farther than mythology, and she can tell me the original of every fable, and on what fact every one is founded . . . A ruddy and lusty old dame who delights in all weathers and seasons."

There you have it. Two old coots who didn't burden Thoreau with that "more frequency" thing. Thanks for amusing me, you can go now.

Something else that's not commonly known about Thoreau. That brave stand he took about willing to be imprisoned for not paying his taxes to protest slavery? The one that led to the famous essay on civil disobedience?

He spent only one night in jail — one stinking night.

He was bailed out. Anonymously. But probably by a relative. One who didn't hang around to chit-chat, just in case misanthropy should be a communicable disease.

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# Education

## ISSMA cancels remaining events for the school year

**COVID-19 concerns cause the executive committee to clear schedule**

**Staff REPORT**

The Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) has canceled its remaining events for the remainder of the school year, according to Michael K. Bridgewater, executive director.

"The mission of ISSMA is to provide educationally evaluated music performance opportunities for students and teachers of school music ensembles from member schools in Indiana. While Indiana schools remain closed or are utilizing

e-learning, the opportunity for students participating in high school music ensembles to rehearse together is either very limited or does not exist. Therefore, the ISSMA Executive Committee has canceled all remaining ISSMA-sponsored student music events for the 2019-2020 school year," stated Bridgewater.

All spring meetings of the association will take

place on the day and time as originally scheduled. If it is determined that any of these meetings should not take place in person, instructions for participating in a virtual meeting will be provided.

"The ISSMA Executive Committee and staff share in the disappointment felt by students, directors, family members and supporters of the outstanding school

music ensembles in Indiana. We are especially saddened that seniors will not be allowed to participate in ISSMA events as they complete their high school careers. ISSMA publicly thanks these talented senior students for their dedication and unique contributions to school music ensembles and wishes them the very best in their future pursuits. We are confident they will contin-

ue to embrace music as an important part of their lives after high school," stated Bridgewater. "It is with great anticipation that we look forward to providing Indiana student musicians the opportunity to share their outstanding performances at ISSMA events beginning in fall 2020."

For more information, email Bridgewater at mbridgewater@issma.net.

## COVID-19-related educational resources available

**Staff REPORT**

### IDOE announces at-home learning initiative

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), in partnership with Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations (IPBS), announced Monday a partnership to offer at-home learning experiences for K-12 students, aligned to Indiana curriculum standards. Developed with the input of educators, PBS LearningMedia offers free, Indiana standards-aligned resources contextualized for educational use. The resources include grab-and-go activities, lesson plans, interactive lessons and media that illustrate specific topics or themes, and support materials across multiple subjects. For more information and access to PBS LearningMedia, visit [www.pbslearningmedia.org](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org). To view current schedules for the grade level and subject programming, as well as correlating materials, please visit [www.doe.in.gov/elearning/2020-covid-19-remote-learning](http://www.doe.in.gov/elearning/2020-covid-19-remote-learning). In addition, you can visit the IPBS website of the TV station nearest you. For a map of regional IPBS television stations, please visit [www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/ipbs-tv-locator-map-040320.pdf](http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/news/ipbs-tv-locator-map-040320.pdf).

### Educators creating face shields for medical staff

Administrators and instructors at the Heartland Career Center have been working to produce face shields for hospital and medical staff, a component of the personal protective equipment, or PPE. Anyone interested in the project may email

mhbobs@hcc.k12.in.us.

### Access Youth Center offers free lunch sack on weekdays at two locations

The Access Youth Center's Drive-Thru will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and feature a lunch sack of snacks, protein and fruit provided at the door. Both locations will be open during this time: One on the south side, New Journey Community Church, 1721 N. Vernon St. and one downtown at the AYC headquarters at 74 W. Canal St. For more information, visit [www.accessyouthcenter.org](http://www.accessyouthcenter.org) or call 260-563-2070. On Mondays, Pizza King will provide pizza for both locations.

### Schools providing meals even during closures

■ Manchester Community Schools: On Saturdays, MCS will distribute a box containing food for breakfast and lunch for five days to each child ages 1 to 18. (The child must be present.) The distribution will be at the following places and times: Manchester Elementary School: From 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Door No. 8. (This is a different door than last week.); Manchester Intermediate School: From 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Door No. 1; Manchester Jr./Sr. High School: 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the back drive by tennis courts. (Please enter from Market Street.); Disko: From 4 to 4:20 p.m. (Look for the school bus.); Liberty Mills: From 4 to 4:20 p.m. (Look for the school bus.); and Service: From 4:45 to 5:05 p.m. (Look for the school bus.)

■ MSD: Sites include: Meadowbrook at the bus

stop; Urbana Yoke Parish Church; Lagro United Methodist Church; Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library; Metro North Elementary at door 14; La Fontaine United Methodist Church; Somerset in front of the convenience store; Friends Church in the north parking lot; and Southwood Jr/Sr High at Door No. 5. Pickup time has changed to 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at all nine locations. This continues April 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29. Even those who had signed up on the first form that was created last week should complete the updated form by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/rdar0n2>.

■ Wabash City Schools: Schools began serving food only on Mondays and Wednesdays. Three breakfasts and three lunches will be served on Mondays. Three breakfasts and three lunches on Wednesdays. Several Wabash Cafe locations will also be serving food Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, including 11 to 11:15 a.m. at Southside Firestation, 1470 Vernon St., City Park, 800 W. Hill St., and St. Matthew's United Church of Christ, 1717 N. Wabash St.; 11:45 to noon at Friendship Hill playground beside the YMCA, and Wabash North Wesleyan Church, 600 Manchester Ave.; and 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. at Hannah Park, 775 E. Hill St., Ivy Tech back parking lot, 277 N. Thorn St., and Church, 1206 N. Cass St.

### 2020 Honor Student luncheon canceled

Grow Wabash County has decided to cancel its annual Honor Student Luncheon originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16. Questions regarding the event's cancellation may be directed via email to marketing@

growwabashcounty.com or by calling 260-563-5258.

### Ivy Tech in Wabash's Monopoly Night postponed

Ivy Tech Community College's 11th annual Wabash Monopoly Night, a free event originally scheduled for April 24 at Eagle's Theatre, has been postponed. No rescheduling has yet been announced.

### 2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition canceled

Due to the extended closing of Wabash County school corporations until May 1 in response to COVID-19, Grow Wabash County has decided to cancel the 2020 INnovate Wabash County Pitch Competition originally scheduled for Wednesday, April 29.

### NMPL reschedules St. Paddy's Golden Egg Hunt

The free, all-ages event, now a "Summer Reading Themed Egg Hunt," has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 13 at the North Manchester Public Library.

### WCPL plans summer reading, 'Bash Con

'Bash Con is set to last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, June 26 at 188 W. Hill St. 'Bash Con's theme for this year is "Imagine Your Story" and free booth space is available for artists and vendors. Amateur artists are encouraged and welcomed. To register, visit <https://www.wabash.lib.in.us/bash-con>. For more information, call 260-563-2972.

## Financial hits pile up for colleges as some fight to survive during pandemic

**By COLLIN BINKLEY and JEFF AMY**

Associated Press

Colleges across the nation are scrambling to close deep budget holes and some have been pushed to the brink of collapse after the coronavirus outbreak triggered financial losses that could total more than \$100 million at some institutions.

Scores of colleges say they're taking heavy hits as they refund money to students for housing, dining and parking after campuses closed last month. Many schools are losing millions more in ticket sales after athletic seasons were cut short, and some say huge shares of their reserves have been wiped out amid wild swings in the stock market.

Yet college leaders say that's only the start of their troubles: Even if campuses reopen this fall, many worry large numbers of students won't return. There's widespread fear that an economic downturn will leave many Americans unable to afford tuition, and universities are forecasting steep drop-offs among international students who may think twice about studying abroad so soon after a pandemic.

"If you play out the scenarios that are out there, it really makes you nervous," said Mary Papazian, president of

San Jose State University, which estimates it will lose \$16 million by the end of May. "We may be looking at cutting academic programs if it comes to it. We may be looking at laying off people. It's a dire situation if the worst comes to pass."

Dozens of colleges have instituted hiring freezes, and many are halting construction projects so they have enough money to pay employees. But university presidents say the savings will only stretch so far, and many are asking the federal government for a second stimulus package to avoid deeper cuts.

The \$2 trillion rescue bill signed by President Donald Trump last month provides \$14 billion for higher education. The American Council on Education, an association of college presidents, had requested \$50 billion and called the package "woefully inadequate."

"This crisis is causing massive disruption to students, institutional operations and institutional finances. On some campuses, it is creating an existential threat, potentially resulting in closures," Ted Mitchell, the group's president, wrote in a letter to Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

Even colleges with deep reserves are expecting a painful financial blow from the pandemic. Brown University was

among the first to announce a hiring freeze, citing "dramatic reductions in revenue." Yale University followed on March 31, asking departments to update budgets in preparation of a "significant loss" in revenue.

The University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, each expect losses of about \$100 million, and that's assuming campuses reopen by this fall.

It leaves some colleges wondering if they can meet demand for financial aid, which is expected to surge as millions of Americans lose their jobs. Many schools draw from their endowments to pay for scholarships, faculty jobs and campus operations, but those reserves have taken deep losses as markets tumble.

Bucknell University in Pennsylvania says it has lost \$150 million from its endowment after recent investment losses. At the College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts, the endowment has dropped by 15 percent and officials fear a similar drop in fundraising.

"Financial aid is going to be a bigger hit this year," said Rev. Philip Boroughs, president of Holy Cross. "We're going to be looking at all current expenditures and going through them with a fine-tooth comb."

Perhaps the greatest ques-

tion for colleges is fall enrollment. Recent surveys have found that large shares of high school seniors plan to take a gap year before starting college. At the same time, colleges have been forced to cancel campus visits and other events designed to court students.

It's a major concern for colleges that have come to rely on international students, especially those from China. At the University of Connecticut, which hosted nearly 3,000 students from China last fall, officials are bracing for international enrollment to drop by 25 percent to 75 percent, a loss of up to \$70 million next year.

Still, the financial shock is likely to be strongest at smaller private colleges and regional public universities, which hold smaller reserves and run on leaner budgets. Some are adding significant costs to move classes online even as they lose revenue.

"It's this major double whammy with multiple hits on the revenue side and new hits on the cost side," said David Tandberg, vice president of policy research and strategic initiatives at the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association. "I'm afraid we're going to lose some private institutions. I have no idea how many, but many were operating on the margin already."

## SOUTHWOOD ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLLS

**Eighth grade: Audrey Amos, Macy Barney, Ashley Benavidez, Casey Boardman, Allie Haecker, Logan Hiner, Hayden Jones, Ethan Lyons, Bailey Miller, Kinsley Miller, Kalen Parke, Alexis Roles, Kendall Sarl, Kinzie Stouffer, Will Winer and Caleb Wyatt.**

**Ninth grade: Tobias Cummins, Megan Davis, Dean Elzy, Ella Haupert, Allannah Lopez, Meredith Norman, Jason Oprisek, Drayson Pace, Ashton Smith, Kyle Smith, Dylan Stout, Aleia Sweet, Jack Trudell, Dakota Wilson, Alaina Winer, Cole Winer, Braxton Worthington, Isabella Worthington and Makenna Younce.**

**Tenth grade: Raelyn Coyne, Jack Niccum.**

**Eleventh grade: Carter Hull and Brenen Swisher.**

**Twelfth grade: Lindsey Pope.**

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## CROSSWORD

Dedicated dieter is criticized for refusing offers of food

**DEAR ABBY:** How would you suggest I deal with people who continually want to sabotage my diet? I worked very hard to drop more than 30 pounds. I also have digestive health issues that are no one's business.

An example: During the coffee break at a meeting at work, someone offered me lovely homemade baked goods. I said, "No, thank you." I then got a snide remark about being ungrateful for all the "effort that went into them" and was urged to "just try a little bit to be sociable."

Another time someone plunked a huge chunk of frosting-laden something in front of me. Or, a friend brings me a large quantity of candy or wine or strange "gourmet" stuff I can't eat, all of which wind up in the trash even after I have asked them to please don't.

When I visit my mother, she continues to pile stuff on my plate even after I repeatedly say, "No more, thank you." Then I get a lecture about wasting food. What do I need to be doing or saying differently? — Sabotaged In Connecticut

**DEAR SABOTAGED:** Take your easily offended co-workers aside and tell them, individually, that you cannot eat their tempting pastries because your doctor has told you you mustn't. I am sure it is the truth, and you should not feel guilty.

As to your mother, who really should know better, the next time she accuses you of wasting food, I don't think you would be out of line to tell her in plain English that she, not you, is the one wasting food by piling more than you can comfortably eat on your plate.

**DEAR ABBY:** When I married my wife, "Celia," I was still in college, and she was a well-paid professional with an advanced degree. She told me that while she supported my goals, she expected me to be an equal partner and contribute my fair share. I worked, took out student loans, and we evenly divided our expenses and maintained separate bank accounts.

Flash-forward 30 years: Celia's finances are a disaster. While I saved, spent wisely and planned for retirement, she spent foolishly and is now mired in a mountain of debt with no savings at all. She ignored my commonsense financial advice over the years and chose to live beyond her means — new cars, long vacations, expensive jewelry, etc.

I am now comfortably retired, but Celia lives paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford even the smallest of unforeseen bills. I pay for all home repairs, vehicle maintenance, new appliances, etc.

Realistically, without financial help, Celia, now 60, will never be able to retire. Her "plan" is for me to die first, then collect my pension, savings, life insurance and Social Security. Whichever one of us goes first, she's set, in her mind.

Question: Am I ethically or morally obligated to help her financially? Sometimes I want to, other times I don't. — Torn In The West

**DEAR TORN:** You and Celia are long overdue for consulting a financial adviser who can help you get this problem under control. I suggest you find a credit counselor affiliated with the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

I am not going to weigh in on the subjects of ethics and morals, but I will say this: As Celia's husband, you are LEGALLY obligated. (If she is truly counting on your death to be her retirement plan, you may need to hire a food taster.)

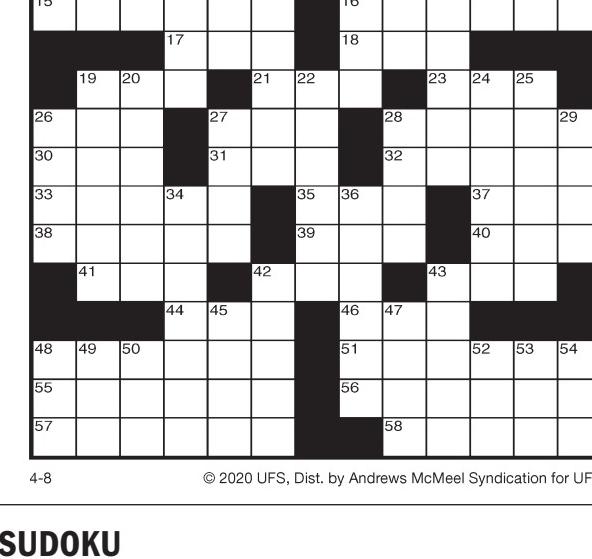
**TO MY READERS:** Sundown marks the first night of the Jewish holiday of Passover. Happy Passover, everyone!

**ACROSS**

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- 6 Leader of the Huns
- 12 Harley competitor
- 14 Stowed
- 15 Disconnect
- 16 Natural
- 17 Atmosphere
- 18 Contractor's fig.
- 19 Thurs. follower
- 21 Drei less zwei
- 23 Scott Joplin piece
- 26 Street in Paris
- 27 Pallet
- 28 German pistol
- 30 Itch
- 31 Kind of poem
- 32 Fridge maker
- 33 Some aria singers
- 35 Put 2 and 2 together
- 37 Peak
- 38 Must-haves

**DOWN**

- 1 Provo inst.
- 2 Rushed off
- 3 Sound booster
- 4 The One-L Lama
- 5 Feng —
- 6 UFO passenger
- 7 Coal units
- 8 Childish outburst
- 9 Muckraker
- 10 Net-nicking serve
- 11 Juice-based drink
- 13 Went along with
- 19 Energized
- 20 Tenant
- 22 Form a thought
- 24 Christie of whodunits
- 25 Friendly hero
- 26 Clancy Jack —
- 27 Decision-maker
- 28 Fill the hull
- 29 Absorbed
- 34 Adventure-some journey
- 36 Leave a ship
- 37 Sulked angrily
- 38 Shad-loving plant
- 39 Percolate slowly
- 40 Face-off
- 41 Cable network
- 42 Noah's vessel
- 43 Teachers' org.
- 44 Pigs' hangout
- 45 Bracket type
- 46 Drink with scones



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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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You're come to the right place.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: WITCH MUGGY NESTLE EVOLVE

Answer: They weren't sure which animal hospital to take their dog to, so they did some — VETTING

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By Bil Keane



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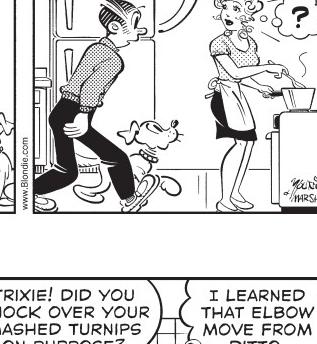
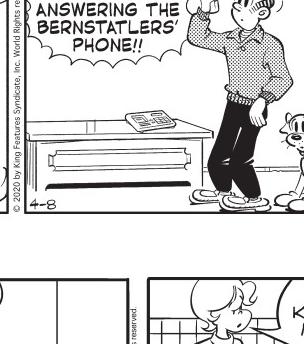
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BIL and JEFF KEANE

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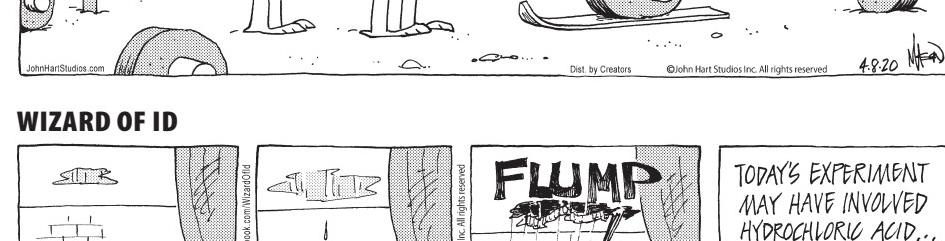
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# NYC virus deaths exceed 3,200, topping toll for 9/11 attacks

By MARINA VILLENEUVE  
and LORI HINNANT  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — New York City's death toll from the coronavirus rose past 3,200 Tuesday, eclipsing the number killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11. In Britain, Prime Minister Boris Johnson lay in intensive care, believed to be the first major world leader hospitalized with the virus.

The twin developments came even as the crisis seemed to be easing or at least stabilizing, by some measures, in New York and parts of Europe, though health officials warned people at nearly every turn not to let their guard down. After 76 days, China finally lifted the lockdown on Wuhan, the city of 11 million where the outbreak began.

At least 3,202 people have died in New York City from COVID-19, the city reported. The deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil killed 2,753 people in the city and 2,977 overall, when hijacked planes slammed into the twin towers, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001.

New York state recorded 731 new coronavirus deaths, its biggest one-day jump yet, for a statewide toll of nearly 5,500, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said.

"A lot of pain again today for many New Yorkers," he said. But in an encouraging sign, the governor said hospital admissions and the number of those receiving breathing tubes are dropping, indicating that measures taken to force people to keep their distance from one another are succeeding.

And alarming as the one-day increase in deaths might sound, the governor said that's a "lagging indicator," reflecting people who had been hospitalized before this week. Over the past several days, in fact, the number of deaths in New York appeared to be leveling off.

"You see that plateauing — that's because of what we are doing. If we don't do what we are doing, that is a much different curve."

Cuomo said. "So social distancing is working."

Still, 6-foot social distancing has become impossible at times in the city's subway system.

With service drastically reduced, essential workers are encountering some busy trains as they head to their jobs. Photos taken in Brooklyn showed riders sitting or standing within a few inches of each other, some not wearing face masks.

Across the U.S., the death toll topped 12,000, with around 380,000 confirmed infections. Some of the deadliest hot spots were Detroit, New Orleans and the New York metropolitan area, which includes parts of Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut. New Jersey recorded over 1,200 dead, most of them in the northern counties where many residents commute into New York City.

In London, the 55-year-old Johnson was in stable condition and conscious at a hospital, where he was receiving oxygen but was not on a ventilator, officials said. Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab was designated to run the country in the meantime.

"For all of us in Cabinet, he is not just our boss. He's also a colleague and he's also our friend," Raab said. "And I'm confident he'll pull through because if there's one thing I know about this prime minister, he's a fighter."

Deaths in Britain reached nearly 6,200, after a one-day increase of almost 800.

On Wall Street, a strong rally propelled by signs that the outbreak may be leveling off in some of the hard-hit parts of the world evaporated after the price of crude oil suddenly fell. Stocks ended the day slightly lower.

Elsewhere around the globe, Chinese authorities ended the lockdown on Wuhan, allowing residents to travel in and out of the sprawling industrial city. Residents must use a cellphone app showing that they are healthy and have not been in recent contact with anyone confirmed to have

the virus.

China, which officially recorded more than 82,000 infections and over 3,300 deaths, listed no new cases on Tuesday, though the country's figures are regarded with suspicion by some public health experts.

In Japan, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declared a month-long state of emergency in Tokyo and six other prefectures because of a spike of infections in the country with the world's oldest population. The order will close hostess bars and other night entertainment.

"My lifestyle will change. These are difficult times" said Yoshiyuki Kataoka, 44, a nightlife industry worker. "Maybe I'll become a recluse."

In some European hot spots, as in New York, authorities saw signs that the outbreak was turning a corner, based on slowdowns in new deaths and hospitalizations.

In Spain, new deaths Tuesday rose to 743 and infections climbed by 5,400 after five days of declines, but the increases were believed to reflect a weekend backlog. Authorities said they were confident in the downward trend.

In Italy, the hardest-hit country of all, with over 16,500 deaths, authorities appealed to people ahead of Easter weekend not to lower their guard and to abide by a lockdown now in its fifth week, even as new cases dropped to a level not seen since the early weeks of the outbreak.

"Finally it seems we are beginning to see a lessening of new cases" after a plateau, said Giovanni Rezza, director of the infectious-disease division of Italy's national health institute.

In France, the number of dead passed the bleak milestone of 10,000, climbing to more than 10,300, said Jerome Salomon, national health director.

"We are in the epidemic's ascendant stage," he said. "We have not yet reached the peak." But he offered a glimpse of hope, saying the virus rate is "slowing a little."

To keep up social distancing, Paris banned daytime jogging just as warm spring weather settled in.

U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams said that if Americans continue to practice social distancing for the rest of April, "we will be able to get back to some sense of normalcy."

"I want the American people to know there is a light at the end of this tunnel, and we feel confident that if we keep doing the right thing for the rest of this month, that we can start to slowly reopen in some places," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

One lockdown exception in the U.S. was Wisconsin, which asked hundreds of thousands of voters to ignore a stay-at-home order to participate in its presidential primary Tuesday.

Lines were particularly long in Milwaukee, the state's largest city and a Democratic stronghold, where just five of 180 traditional polling places were open. Many voters across the state did not have facial coverings in line with public health recommendations.

In Madison, city workers erected hard plastic barriers to protect poll workers, and voters were encouraged to bring their own pens to mark their ballots.

Worldwide, about 1.4 million people have been confirmed infected and over 79,000 have died, according to Johns Hopkins University. The true numbers are almost certainly much higher, because of limited testing, different rules for counting the dead and deliberate underreporting by some governments.

For most people, the virus causes mild to moderate symptoms such as fever and cough. But for some, especially older adults and the infirm, it can cause pneumonia. About 300,000 people have recovered worldwide, by Johns Hopkins' count.

One of the main models on the outbreak, from the University of Washington, is projecting about 82,000 U.S. deaths through early August, with the highest number on April 16.

## Trump upends virus oversight, removing key official

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**WASHINGTON** — President Donald Trump is moving aggressively to challenge the authority and independence of agency watchdogs overseeing his administration, including removing the inspector general tasked with overseeing the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus rescue package that passed Congress with bipartisan support.

In four days, Trump has fired one inspector general tied to his impeachment, castigated another he felt was overly critical of the coronavirus response and sidelined a third meant to safeguard against wasteful spending of the coronavirus funds.

The actions have sent shock waves across the close-knit network of watchdog officials in government, creating open conflict between a president reflexively resistant to outside criticism and an oversight community tasked with rooting out fraud, misconduct and abuse.

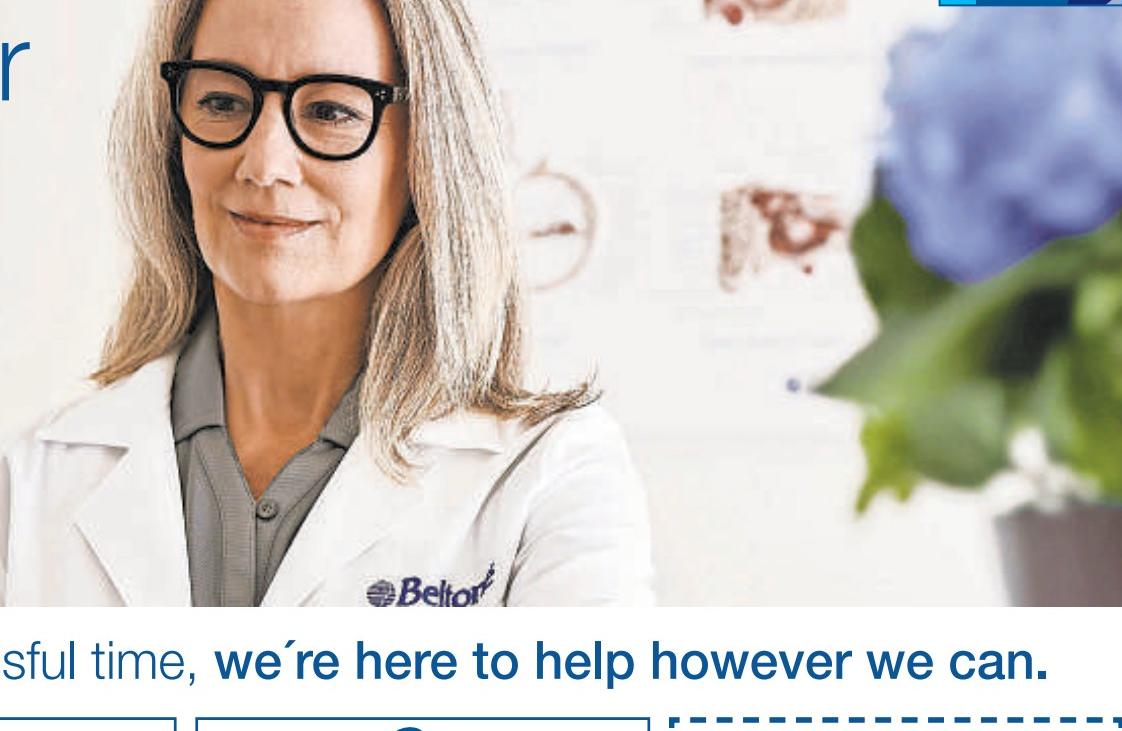
The most recent act threatens to upend scrutiny of the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus rescue effort now underway, setting the stage for a major clash between Trump, government watchdogs and Democrats who are demanding oversight of the vast funds being pumped into the American economy.

"We're seeing since Friday a wrecking ball across the IG community," said Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, a government watchdog group.

The latest broadside came Tuesday when the Defense Department revealed that Trump had removed acting inspector general Glenn Fine, an experienced official, from his role as head of a coronavirus spending oversight board. It was unclear who might replace Fine, who also lost his title as acting inspector general.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Fine's abrupt removal "part of a disturbing pattern of retaliation by the president against independent overseers." Trump, she said, is attempting to "disregard critical oversight provisions that hold the administration accountable to the law."

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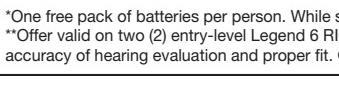
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